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SUBJECT: QTE L'ESSOR END QTE, PUBLISHES U.S. VIEW ON OIL
PRICES

REF: STATE 299098

1. L'ESSOR, THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY WHICH IS
MALI'S SOLE NEWSPAPER, REPRINTED IN ITS DECEMBER 16
ISSUE THE ENTIRE TEXT OF THE USIS BACKGROUND ARTICLE
DETAILING THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE WORLD ECONOMY
OF ANY OPEC PRICE RAISE. (SEE USIA DEC. 13 WF, ITEMS
AF-5 AND AF-13). HEADLINED QTE FOR EACH FIVE PERCENT
INCREASE....END QTE ARTICLE LEADS WITH STRONG STATEMENT
THAT QTE AN INCREASE IN WORLD OIL PRICES BY (OPEC)
WOULD POSE SERIOUS RISKS TO THE ALREADY SLUGGISH PACE OF
ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
ALIKE... END QTE AND CONCLUDES BY QUOTING FROM THE
SECRETARY'S DECEMBER 10 SPEECH IN BRUSSELS THAT
QTE THE UNITED STATES IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY
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SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN OIL PRICES (WHICH) IN THE
MEDIUM RUN WOULD AFFECT THE VERY COUNTRIES THAT ARE
NOW RAISING OR THINKING OF RAISING THE OIL PRICES. END QTE

2. COMMENT: L'ESSOR IS PUBLISHED UNDER AEGIS OF THE
COMITE MILITAIRE DE LIBERATION NATIONALE, AND IS USUALLY

UNWAVERING IN ITS SUPPORT OF THIRD-WORLD SIDE IN ANY
NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION ISSUE. PUBLISHING TEXT
WHICH ARGUES SO STRONGLY AGAINST ANY OIL PRICE
INCREASES CERTAINLY SIGNIFIES SOME AWARENESS WITHIN
GOVERNMENT OF CONSEQUENCES ON DEVELOPING NATIONS SUCH
AS MALI.
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